# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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AUGMENTATION OF WATER RESOURCES
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for augmenting the water resources in the districts of various States facing drought every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) As per the study conducted by Central Water Commission during 1975-82 covering 99 districts in the country, an area of 51.13 square kilometer lying in 315 Talukas of these districts has been identified to be drought prone. Water, being a State subject, schemes are planned, investigated, implemented and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. Since the beginning of planned development, 80 major and 381 medium schemes which benefit the drought prone areas in these districts, fully or partially have been completed. Similarly, 91 major and 91 medium schemes are under construction. Another 23 major and 29 medium schemes are under various stages of planning and investigation by the States in these areas. State-wise details of the projects, benefiting drought prone areas is at Annex. The time by which the schemes are to be completed is dependent on the priority assigned to such schemes. by the State Governments and the resources made available for these schemes. To help the State Governments in their efforts to harness water resources and accelerate creation of irrigation potential by early completion of ongoing schemes, Government of India has launched Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97. Under the programme, financial assistance in form of central loan is being extended to State Governments to help them complete the ongoing irrigation projects in a time bound manner so that the benefits could accrue at the earliest. National Water Development Agency have also formulated National Perspective Plan for water resources development for meeting requirements of water, in water short areas of the country, which envisages interlinking various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins. The implementation of the link proposal would depend on various factors like consensus among the States, preparation of detailed project report after completion of feasibility report and availability of funds etc.

ANNEX

PROJECTS BENEFITING DROUGHT PRONE AREAS (STATE-WISE)

( Annex to Lok Sabha unstarred Question No.4473 for answer on 22.04.2002 )

| Name of State | Projects Completed | | Ongoing | | New | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Major | Medium | Major | Medium | Major | Medium |
| Andhra Pradesh | 5 | 47 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| Bihar | 9 | 20 | 9 | 5 | Nil | Nil |
| Gujarat | 12 | 84 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 13 |
| Haryana | 5 | Nil | 6 | Nil | 1 | Nil |
| Himachal Pradesh | 3 | Nil | 6 | Nil | 1 | Nil |
| Jammu & Kashmir | Nil | 1 | Nil | Nil | Nil | 1 |
| Karnataka | 6 | 32 | 13 | 15 | 6 | Nil |
| Madhya Pradesh | Nil | 25 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| Maharashtra | 10 | 80 | 19 | 26 | Nil | 4 |
| Orrisa | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Rajasthan | 1 | 31 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Tamil Nadu | 11 | 29 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

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| Uttar Pradesh | 16 | 20 | 7 | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| West Bengal | 1 | 8 | 3 | 18 | 3 | 7 |
| Total | 80 | 381 | 91 | 91 | 23 | 29 |